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ECC Welcomes Alumnus/NFL Lineman Derrick Deese as Commencement Speaker *Class of 2016 to celebrate 69th annual commencement ceremony in new stadium*

El Camino College welcomes alumnus and NFL offensive lineman Derrick Deese, who will address the Class of 2016 at the 69th Annual Commencement Ceremony scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, May 13 in Murdock Stadium.

An offensive lineman who spent 14 years in the National Football League, Deese saw much success inside the original Murdock Stadium as an ECC Warriors football standout. He is now excited to celebrate with the Class of 2016 in a brand new \$37.2 million stadium, set to open later this spring.

Deese enrolled in El Camino College after graduating from Culver City High School in 1988. Playing for the Warriors, he became an All-American and All-Conference lineman.

After completing his associate degree in just 1½ years, Deese was able to transfer to USC and earned a starting position as offensive guard. Deese played with the Trojans from 1990-92 and was an All-Pac 10 honorable mention as a junior. He graduated and went on to play 12 years with the San Francisco 49ers, winning Super Bowl XXIX. He also played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for two years.

Now retired from professional football and sports radio, Deese volunteers his time working with young people. Known as “ECC football royalty,” Deese is a 1996 inductee of the El Camino College Athletic Hall of Fame and can often be found cheering at Warriors football games. He lives in Orange County with his four sons: Derrick Jr., Dontay, Devin and Drew.

For more information about commencement, including parking and seating arrangements, view: www.elcamino.edu/studentservices/activities/graduation.asp.

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